

NEJC is honoring Lou at their annual event as a Guest of Honor and he is most deserving of the honor. Congratulations to Lou on this wonderful occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARK MCHENRY AND HIS 44 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO KANSAS CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate Mr. Mark McHenry's 44-year career with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department. For over four decades, Mr. McHenry dutifully served the people of Kansas City, fulfilling numerous roles and bringing about countless improvements to public space in the greater Kansas City area. Mr. McHenry began his distinguished career with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department removing snow from roadways and sidewalks following snowfall; a sometimes daunting, but necessary job during the winter months throughout the Midwest. The same hard work and dedication Mr. McHenry displayed at the start of his time with the department, he has continuously and unrelentingly matched and exceeded in the time since. Mr. McHenry's notable career has warranted many accolades and has contributed to the lives of not only the people of Kansas City, but also to the people of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and beyond.

Most recently, as the Director, Kansas City Parks and Recreation was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Included in his many achievements, McHenry's tenure oversaw the creation of the World War I Museum, the restoration and expansion of the Liberty Memorial and the expansion of the Kansas City Zoo. McHenry rose to the position of Director in 2003, after nearly three decades of dedicated service to the Parks and Recreation Department. His remarkable career as the Director reveals his lifelong commitment to the department's mission: to improve the quality of life, health, and wellness of the community by providing socially equitable, community-driven programming, and environmentally sound natural resource management. He has worked relentlessly to uphold the organization's mission of providing recreational programs and opportunities for the community while also contributing to an aesthetically pleasing environment and enhanced quality of life.

Moreover, the presence of safe spaces for communities to connect, integrate, and share experiences is at the core of any thriving community. Mr. McHenry's efforts exemplified this. He oversaw the creation of several community centers that serve as indispensable spaces for Kansas City communities to gather and enrich their bodies and minds while enjoying nature and forging stronger communal relationships.

It is my personal belief that Mark's unwavering dedication and steadfast vision has made a profound impact on the Kansas City community. Therefore, it is with a sense of bittersweet pride that the community must now congratulate Mark on his retirement. I speak on behalf of the entire city when I say thank you, Mr. Mark McHenry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in expressing our sincerest congratulations to Mark McHenry for his monumental achievements in the community and his tireless efforts in promoting environmental conservation, innovation, and preservation of parks and recreational sites, not only in his city limits, but throughout the state. I urge all my colleagues to join me and Missouri's 5th District in showing our appreciation to Mr. Mark McHenry for his accomplishments and service.

HONORING LUCY ROBERTS WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucy Roberts as a woman of the year. She is a tireless advocate for underserved women and families throughout her community. As Director of Family Hui, she leads an organization dedicated to creating healthy, thriving families and communities by providing parents with the support and encouragement they need to raise their children in a healthy way. She has worked diligently to make a difference in the lives of children by empowering their parents to make the choices that are best for their family. Ms. Roberts is deeply committed to the empowerment of women and providing parents with the tools to help strengthen family bonds. She has made a lasting positive impact on countless families throughout Yolo County. As Co-Chair of Resilient Yolo, Ms. Roberts works to educate people about the impact adverse childhood experiences have on shaping adult behavior and health. She also brings her passion and expertise to the Yolo County Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, an organization which promotes maternal wellness by developing a system of care for Yolo County mothers at risk of maternal mental health disorders. The lasting positive impact Ms. Roberts has had on families throughout Yolo County cannot be overstated.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the National Capital Planning Commission District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would remove the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to review or approve the development of District of Columbia-owned land. This bill would also remove the requirement that the Mayor of the District get NCPC's approval before selling D.C.-owned real estate, and would allow D.C. agencies to transfer jurisdiction over District-owned land among themselves without NCPC's approval.

Under federal law, the development of District-owned public buildings, including the loca-

tion, height, bulk, number of stories and size of such buildings, in the "central area" is subject to NCPC approval. The District is required to consult with NCPC on its buildings outside the central area, but NCPC has only advisory authority in those areas. The central area is defined by the concurrent action of NCPC and the D.C. Council, and currently consists of the Downtown and Shaw Urban Renewal Areas.

This authority is unnecessary, as shown by the virtual absence of its use to disapprove sales or development. This latent authority of the federal government should not be able to slow or block the development of District-owned land, or add to the cost of development. The District is not a federal agency and should not be treated any differently by federal law than other local jurisdictions, where local development proceeds without federal interference.

NCPC consists of 12 members, three appointed by the President, two appointed by the Mayor, the Mayor, the Chair of the D.C. Council, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Chairs of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

This bill is one more important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL FIRST AID SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad located in the Township of Wayne, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

Born out of necessity, the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad has grown over the past seven decades to become an efficient, well-operated organization that responds to over five thousand calls each year. Back in 1942, Wayne suffered the loss of eight lives during the bitterly cold week of February 8-14. At that time, there was no local first aid squad, and ambulance services were provided by neighboring units in Pompton Lakes, Little Falls, and Cedar Grove, as well as by Paterson hospitals. Seeing the need to have a squad within the township, a group of concerned citizens took it upon themselves to establish a local ambulance corps, which became a reality one year later.

In 1943, the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad was officially formed, and the first call was responded to on September 1, 1944. The original headquarters was located on Oak Street on the property of Captain William Taylor, the first president of the squad. During the early years, Wayne also responded to calls in half of Totowa and all of Lincoln Park, until these communities developed squads of their own.

The headquarters moved in 1950 to Boonton Road, now Mountainview Boulevard, on a site currently occupied by American Legion Post No. 174 before eventually moving to the